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### Russia Prohibits Several Food Additives

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**Report Highlights:**

Russia has prohibited imports of food products processed with two additives, E216 and E217, and will not allow their use in the domestic food industry starting March 1, 2005.

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**Executive Summary**

According to Resolution #1 dated January 18, 2005, the Federal Service for Health and Protection of Consumer Rights (RosPotrebNadzor) has banned the importation of food products into the Russian Federation that have been processed or manufactured using the preservatives E216 (propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (propyl paraban)) and E217 (sodium propyl p-hydroxybenzoate). The use of these additives will also be prohibited in the domestic food processing industry beginning March 1, 2005. According to the Resolution's preamble, this measure follows changes in European Union (EU) regulations (HP 95/2/EC) that prohibited the use of these food preservatives in the EU starting on January 1, 2005 for confectionary products and in meat production. In addition to the prohibition, the Resolution also states that Russia's Nutrition Institute is to conduct a complete toxicological and hygienic study these of food additives.

**Comment**

No starting date for the application of this import prohibition was specified. It is believed that it went into force effective immediately upon publication, though this has not been confirmed. The Office of Agricultural Affairs will continue to investigate and report further in the near future. In a statement announcing this decision, the Chief Sanitary Doctor, Gennadiy Onishenko, was reported to have said that this resolution will prevent the threat of "poisoning" of the population.